

Attendance Information for Parents

The most important thing to us is that your child learns and makes progress. We also wish to ensure that they are happy in school and achieve their potential. The best way to achieve this is regular attendance at school.

The Law states that all school age children (between 5 & 16) must attend school. Parents are responsible for making sure their child attends school regularly and the Local Authority may take legal action if you fail to do this.

Attendance Percentages:

100% -96% Excellent attendance which will have a positive impact on your child's education

95% - 90% Cause for concern which will have an impact on your child's education

90% & below Serious cause for concern which will have a detrimental impact on your child's education

Attendance Percentage	Number of sessions missed	Equivalent number of days missed	Equivalent number of weeks missed	Equivalent number of lessons missed
100%	0	0	0	0
95%	19	9.5	2	48
90%	38	19	4	95
85%	57	28.5	6	143
80%	76	38	8	190
75%	95	47.5	9.5	238
70%	114	57	11.5	285

Achievement:

- 17 school days missed = 91.1% attendance for the year
- 34 school days missed = 82.1% attendance for the year
- A 2 week holiday means you can't get more than 94.7% attendance that year
- Missing 15 minutes of school every day adds up to 9 whole days throughout the year

We hope the dates opposite help you to plan any family holidays. The guidance from Northants County Council is to not authorise any holidays in term time. Legislation decrees that as of June 2016 the local authority will issue a fixed penalty notice (PN) for any unauthorised absences that are **5 consecutive days**. The PN is issued per parent per child with an invoice for £120 and 28 days are given for you to settle the Penalty. If the PN is paid within the first 21 days the amount payable is reduced to £60.

Please ensure all holidays are taken in school holiday time. This will minimise the impact of holidays on teaching and learning. We will still require a form to be completed if you do decide to take your child out of school so that we know of their whereabouts. PN are dealt with by NCC and not the school.

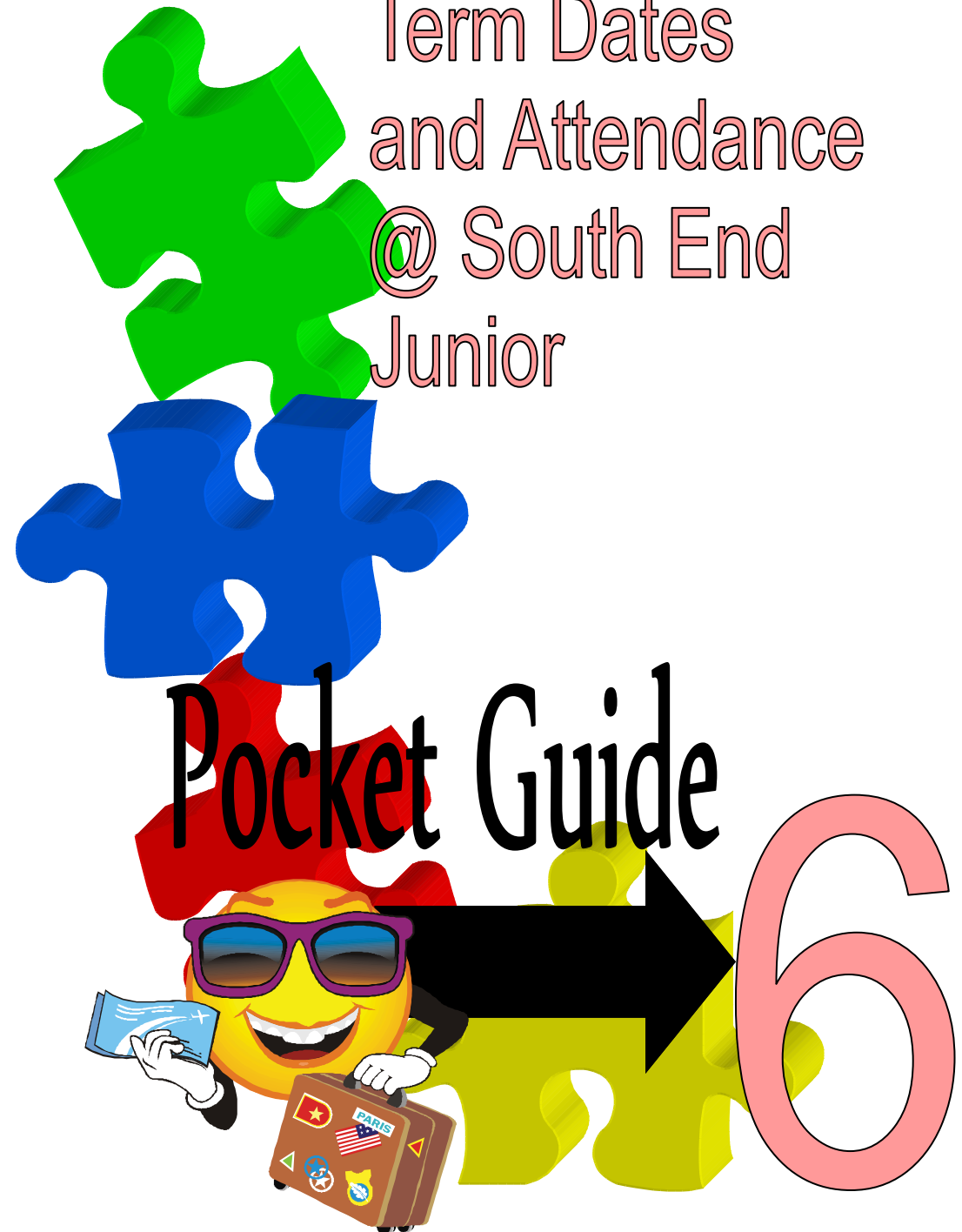
Attendance surgeries:

All attendance is tracked carefully throughout the year. Any child who has attendance lower than 96%, and for reasons we are not aware of, will be invited to attendance surgery. This is an opportunity to discuss any barriers to attendance and how we can raise your child's attendance.

We would also like to remind all parents that when your child reaches Year 6 they do Statutory Assessments (SATs) and would ask you not to book any holiday during the month of May.

As you are aware late arrivals after close of registration are classed as 'unauthorised' and are recorded and reported to the DfE. Please help us keep these to a minimum by getting your child to school by 8.40am each day. Any absences must be reported to school by telephone first thing in the morning on the first day of absence.

Term Dates and Attendance @ South End Junior



SCHOOL TERM DATES 2016/2017

SUMMER 2016

TRAINING DAY 1 *Thursday 1 September 2016*
TRAINING DAY 2 *Friday 2 September 2016*

AUTUMN 2016

Re-open Monday 5 September 2016
Close Friday 21 October 2016
TRAINING DAY 3 *Monday 31 October 2016*
Re-open Tuesday 1 November 2016
Close Tuesday 20 December 2016

SPRING 2017

TRAINING DAY 4 *Wednesday 4 January 2017*
Re-open Thursday 5 January 2017
Close Friday 10 February 2017

Re-open Monday 20 February 2017
Close Friday 31 March 2017

SUMMER 2017

TRAINING DAY 5 *Tuesday 18 April 2017*
Re-open Wednesday 19 April 2017
Close Friday 28 April 2017
Bank Holiday *Monday 1 May 2017*
Re-open Tuesday 2 May 2017
Close Friday 26 May 2017

Re-Open Monday 5 June 2017
Close Friday 21 July 2017

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2017/2018

SUMMER 2017

TRAINING DAY 1 *Friday 1 September 2017*
TRAINING DAY 2 *Monday 4 September 2017*

AUTUMN 2017

Re-open Tuesday 5 September 2017
Close Friday 20 October 2017
TRAINING DAY 3 *Monday 30 October 2017*
Re-open Tuesday 31 October 2017
Close Wednesday 20 December 2017

SPRING 2018

TRAINING DAY 4 *Wednesday 3 January 2018*
Re-open Thursday 4 January 2018
Close Friday 9 February 2018

Re-open Monday 19 February 2018
Close Thursday 29 March 2018

SUMMER 2018

TRAINING DAY 5 *Monday 16 April 2018*
Re-open Tuesday 17 April 2018
Close Friday 4 May 2018
Bank Holiday *Monday 7 May 2018*
Re-open Tuesday 8 May 2018
Close Friday 25 May 2018

Re-Open Monday 4 June 2018
Close Friday 20 July 2018

School Day:

8.40am Registration, **8.50am** Morning lessons, **10.50am** Morning Break, **11.05am** Morning lessons continue
12.05pm Lunch, **1pm** Afternoon lessons, **3pm** End of school Day, **4pm** End of clubs